Washington, DC -- Today, U.S. Representative Michael A. Arcuri (D-Utica) announced that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has awarded the Greater Binghamton Airport a total of \$365,750 to purchase snow removal equipment and enhance runway safety by removing current obstructions.

"I am pleased to announce two more grants to help The Greater Binghamton Airport improve services and security as a key part of economic growth and development for the Southern Tier," said Arcuri, a member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee which is responsible for authorizing funds through the FAA. "These funds will help the airport make takeoffs and landings safer in all seasons so that the airport can continue to serve as a point of growth and development in the Southern Tier. I will continue to support development efforts at the Binghamton Airport."

"The Broome County Department of Aviation is extremely grateful for the efforts of Congressman Arcuri in securing these grants for the Greater Binghamton Airport," said Carl R. Beardsley, Jr. Broome County Commissioner of Aviation. "His support was paramount in securing funds for these two very important projects that will help keep the Greater Binghamton Airport operating safely and efficiently," added Beardsley.

The FAA awarded the airport \$190,000 to acquire snow removal equipment. The existing equipment is 28 years old and has reached its serviceable limits and requires replacement.

The FAA has also awarded \$ 175,750.00 for tree removal identified within the approach and transitional surfaces of Runways 16-34 and 10-28 that will enhance airport safety.

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